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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. CODEL TO PRC (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE WHITE HOUSE CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE HOPES TO COMPLETE THE LIST OF CODEL MEMBERS FOR THE APRIL 7 TRIP TO THE PRC TODAY OR TOMORROW. THUS FAR, SENATORS CULVER (IOWA), DURKIN (NEW HAMPSHIRE), AND MORGAN (NORTH CAROLINA) AND REPRESENTATIVES BRADEMAS (INDIANA) DANIELSON (CALIFORNIA), MIKULSKI (MARYLAND), AND CONTE (MASSACHUSETTS) HAVE AGREED TO GO. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY THEM ARE MIKE OKSENBERG, DOUG BENNET, AND SOMEONE FROM JOHN THOMAS' OFFICE.

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2. AUCOIN AMENDMENT (CONFIDENTIAL)

REPRESENTATIVE LES AUCOIN HAS INTRODUCED AMENDMENTS IN THE HOUSE TO EXEMPT THE PRC FROM THE TRADE ACT (JACKSON-VANIK) PROHIBITIONS AGAINST USE OF EXIMBANK CREDITS. JULIUS KATZ TESTIFIED LAST WEEK THAT WE ARE REVIEWING OUR POSITION ON JACKSON-VANIK, AND DO NOT SEE A SPECIFIC AMENDMENT EXEMPT-

ING ONLY THE PRC FROM THE ACT'S CREDIT RESTRICTIONS AS

COMPELLING AT THIS TIME. REFLECTING OUR GUIDANCE, KATZ ADDED THAT THE PRC'S CONSERVATIVE FINANCIAL PRACTICES WOULD MAKE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THE CHINESE WOULD USE EXIMBANK CREDITS, IF OFFERED TO THEM. THE AUCOIN AMENDMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE APRIL 21.

3. PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP CASES IN PEKING - CONTINUED
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LAST WEEK WE REPORTED THAT THE 1948 PASSPORT OF AN ETHNIC CHINESE CLAIMANT TO US CITIZENSHIP HAD BEEN SEIZED AND THAT SHE HAD BEEN FORBIDDEN TO HAVE FURTHER CONTACT WITH USLO. ON MARCH 30, HOWEVER, SHE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THROUGH THE USLO GATE AND WAS ISSUED A NEW US PASSPORT, THE FIRST ISSUED THERE TO A RESIDENT ETHNIC CHINESE. SHE TOLD A USLO OFFICER THAT SHE HAD UNDERGONE A "STRUGGLE SESSION" BECAUSE OF HER ACTIONS AND NOW WISHES TO RETURN TO THE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE EXPECT THAT SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXIT CHINA ON HER NEW US PASSPORT BUT ARE WORKING WITH SCS TO ARRANGE A REPATRIATION LOAN IF SHE IS ABLE TO LEAVE EITHER ON A US OR PRC PASSPORT.

USLO HAS ISSUED A "PRO-FORMA B-2" VISITOR VISA IN THE PRC PASSPORT OF ANOTHER CLAIMANT TO US CITIZENSHIP. HE PLANS TO TRAVEL THE END OF MAY, WHEN, WE HOPE, HE WILL PICK UP HIS US PASSPORT AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG.
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4. INSPECTORS' REPORT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

OUR COMPLIANCE STATEMENT FOR THE INSPECTORS' REPORT ON HONG KONG AND PEKING IS DUE APRIL 4. WE STILL HAVE ONE OFFICE IN STATE WHICH HAS NOT SUBMITTED ITS COMMENTS FOR INCLUSION BUT ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY COB TODAY. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN SATISFYING THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE INSPECTORS' 107 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE WILL HAVE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER STATE OFFICES AND THE POSTS ON SEVERAL POINTS.

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